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SCDX Repeater 145.48 MHz. Trans - 600 DX NET: Thursday, 7:30 PM

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY. September 11, 7:30 PM AT CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting will once again be held at the Childrens Hospital Auditorium, 4650 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles. The auditorium is 1/2 block east of the hospital on Sunset and Rodney Dr.

There is ample security parking for one dollar or street parking nearby. There is a cafeteria for those who would like to arrive early for dinner or coffee . They close at 7 PM, however. Members will also be meeting for dinner at 5:30 at the Spaghetti Factory on Sunset.

This is our second meeting at this new location. Russ Mason reminds us that we are still on a trial basis and we must adhere to all rules and regulations of the auditorium. A Los Angeles City ordinance forbids smoking inside the building. Please adhere to this rule. In other words, NO SMOKING!

The program for the evening has not been received from our Vice President in time for inclusion in the Bulletin. Listen to the repeater for further information.

Let's show our support by attending this next meeting.

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REPEATER NEWS

Steve Locks, W6FRZ, has been appointed by the Board of Directors as the repeater coordinator. Steve needs your help. We need a new repeater and a new location if we are going to reach everyone in the club. Send your suggestions for a location, new or used equipment, and offer your help to get our repeater problems behind us. It is embarrassing to have one of the worst sounding repeaters on the air from one of the largest clubs in Southern California. We have the funds, the people and the know - how to complete this task before the year is over. Volunteer at the next meeting, and send all your suggestions to Steve, 2234 Conquista Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815.

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DEADLINE

Remember, the deadline for submitting information to the Bulletin is the 30th of the month.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 1986 PIZZA MEETING

By Phil, KG6PV

The yearly pizza bash was held at Me and Ed's Pizza in Lakewood. The great food and good company started at 7 PM . Dan, N6CGB, brought the meeting to order at 8:30 PM. Dan introduced Graham Horlin-Smith, VK5AQZ, from Adelaide, Australia as our guest speaker for the evening.

Graham presented a spirited and enjoyable talk about Australian history and the South Australian efforts to celebrate his country's 150th anniversary. Graham explained that he had been touring our country and just left Texas where he met with Texas Amateurs who are also celebrating an anniversary. It is the 150th anniversary of Texas as a state. The two groups felt that it would be good for the radio hobby if they could link up the two celebrations with public demonstrations of Amateur Radio. Special cards and certificates will be awarded for contacts with both stations on Sept. 1 (0200 - 0400 UTC) plus all year long contacts with Australian stations participating in the celebration.

Self-introductions were next. Many guests, past members who have renewed their dues, XYL's, and several new members also were in attendance. New members included: Mel Pierce, KG6ZV, Robert Newton, WS6V, William McFall, KE6X, and Warren Simmons, W6MI.

The raffle drawing winners were: VK5AQZ (bought for him by N6JVG), KG6PV, WN6J, W6GC, K6CH, WA6CTX, W6EA, WK6V, W6REH, and W6DH

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BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The SCDXC Board of Directors meets once a month to plan future club activities and generally run the club. Those present at the August 27 meeting were : Dan Davitt , N6CGB; Rus Mason , KG6IP; Steve Locks, W6FRZ; Red Stillman, W6AE, and your editor of the Bulletin, Don Minkoff, NK6A .

Topics under discussion were: new membership roster, repeater coordination and call sign change, repeater committee and selection of Steve Locks as the chairman of the repeater committee. Also, the up coming meeting at Childrens Hospital and the complaint on our last meeting there (smoking). A discussion on future programs for meetings and the collecting of prizes for the raffles was followed by the announcement by Dan that John Alexander, K6SVL, has resigned as our Contest chairman. Dan also announced that Bill Kendrick, WK6V, is once again our membership chairman.

Dan will be out of town for the next club meeting in September.

No information on our treasury, or the status of the membership roster was given as those people in charge were not present.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

William Watkins, NI6U
Robert Newton, WS6V
Melvin Pierce, KG6ZV

Congratulations and welcome to the SCDXC .

CONTEST / ACTIVITIES

Ted Gillett, W6HX, is once again the winner of the June and July DX Activity Award. Ted's score is a new record, beating his previous score of 690. Scores for all June and July entrants are presented below.

Remember, the deadline for submitting your logs is the 15th of the month. Listen to the club repeater and attend the next meeting to find out who the new Contest Chairman is and where to send your logs.

The table shows call, total countries worked on phone, total on CW, number of repeater announcements and total points.

CALL	PHONE	CW	RPT	TOTAL
W6HX	147	91	238	714
W6MDH	53	--	53	159
	JULY			
W6HX	151	99	248	748
W6HT	18	8	7	59

OOPS, WE GOOFED

It was incorrectly stated last month that repeater announcements on the output would be valid for the contest. You just can't trust computers. If you are entering the monthly contest or the yearly W6AM contest you must go through the repeater for your points to count.

If you can't access the repeater from your present QTH I suggest that you attend the next meeting and sign up to be part of the new repeater commitee and fix the problem!

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DX CONTEST CALENDAR

Sept.	13 - 14	European Phone Contest
Sept.	20 - 21	CRRL CAN-AM Contest
Sept.	20 - 21	Scandinavian SSB Activity
Sept.	27 - 28	California QSO Party
Oct.	4 - 5	IRSA World Championship
Oct.	25 - 26	CQ WW DX Phone Contest

For further information on contest rules, dates, logs, and operating schedules, consult QST or CQ Magazine.

DX ATTRACTIONS

CT3	/CT3	Maderia Is. HB9DFX & HB9CRV/ CT3 from Sept. 6 - 14th all bands, mostly CW.
EA9	EA9KN	Ceuta and Melilla - 14215 at 2325 UTC
EL	EL2EF	Liberia - 14192 at 2200 UTC
FO	FO0--	Clipperton Is. Sept. 26 - 28th - all bands
FT8	FT8YA	French Antarctica - Sept. 16 - QSL via FE6DZU.
GB	GB6RC	Special event station from Sept. 6 to Oct. 4. All bands , all modes.

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DX ATTRACTIONS

GJ	GJ3WNE	Jersey Is. from Oct. 5th for 21 days.
TZ	TZ6MG	Mali - 14215 at 2330 UTC. QSL via PA Buro
UA	UZ9OWB/RD	Oblast 003 - Sept. 21 to the 30th.
VK9	VK9XI	Christmas Is. Sept. 23 to Oct. 20. All bands. Via Ron, ZL1AMO.
Yu	4N9S	Yugoslavia, Island of Susac .
9N	9N1MC	Nepal - Krishna - 14195 at 1100 UTC
KG4	KG4XO	Guantanamo Bay - 14180 at 2225 UTC. Opr Bruce. QSL via KB4IFS.
ZD8	SD(SW	Ascension Is. Stuart. QSL via G0DVF

Special thanks to the WPADXA Newsletter and Inside DX for news.

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BAND CONDITIONS

By Marty Woll, N6VI

Spending an extended period of time on one band is always an education (actually, doing anything other people think is crazy can be called an education). I recently spent a weekend on 20 meters doing nothing but working Asians (mostly JA's); the occasion was the annual All Asian CW Contest. Now, the contest weekend came on the tail end of a minor geomagnetic storm, so band conditions weren't the greatest. However, the path between Southern California and the Far East was open from local noon until well after midnight and again for a few hours in the morning. Not bad for the bottom of the sunspot cycle.

One very obvious phenomenon serves as a reminder to those who look for DX stations to work: when the band is open and when people are on it do not always coincide. For example, from 2100 to 0000 Z on Saturday afternoon I worked 36 stations as compared with 13 during the same period Sunday afternoon. The really loud guys I worked Friday night were strong both days, so propagation didn't seem to account for the difference. What, then? Well, our Saturday afternoon is Sunday morning in Japan, everybody's day off there. Our Sunday afternoon is their Monday morning, a work day. Another example: at 1500 Z I could hear JA's but worked very few (no I wasn't running QRP). The reason? They were beaming Europe or were on the lower bands (their midnight). The moral is to use your DX edge for more than just figuring the grayline; use it to see when and where your target is most likely to plop down in front of the rig for some operating.

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USSR QSL CARDS

Having trouble with some of those USSR QSL cards? Box 88 a little to slow for you? There is another way, says Joe Arcure, W3HNK.
Your card will go air mail direct to each amateur the QSL is made out to and no bureau is involved. No guarantee that you will receive one back, but after 21 years of sending cards to the USSR , Joe has had a return rate of better than 75%.

The areas Joe can help with are: UA1's, UA2's, 4's, 5's, 6's, plus UC, UD, a few UF's, UG, UH, UI, UJ, UL, UM, UP, UQ, and UR.

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Also, J5WAD (UA1OT, UK1PGO, UA1DAL and UV1OO which will be out in late '86 or early 1987.

To take advantage of this service (no guarantee) send a #10 business size envelope with your callsign on each envelope (SASE) to Joe Arcure Jr., W3HNK, P.O. BOX 73, Edgemont, PA 19028 . It will cost you one dollar per envelope. Make out a check to : Postmaster Edgemont Post Office.

Thanks to Dan Davitt, N6CGB for this information. Let the Bulletin know if you try this service and if you have any luck.

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MORE ON QSLING

By Marty Woll, N6VI

Do you ever wonder what happened to those IRC's or 'green stamps' you sent along with that DX QSL that was never answered? There is a better way which has given me very good results for many years. DX Stamp Service will sell single-weight return postage for any of over 170 countries. Prices range from $.40 to $1.30, which is not out of line with the cost of the alternatives mentioned earlier. You simply affix the return postage to a self-addressed envelope and send it with your card. The DX station simply puts his card in your envelope, drops it in his mailbox, and that's it! He/she doesn't have to bother with trying to exchange IRC's or converting US currency to buy postage. Best of all, it's pretty hard for a greedy mail handler to use the stamp, since it's stuck to an envelope addressed to you.

Write to George Robertson, W2AZX at DX Stamp Service, 7661 Roder Parkway, Ontario, NY 14519 for an order form and current price list.

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CLUB REPEATER THOUGHTS

By Shel Shallon, W6EL

Think about the number of times you have heard a DX announcement on the SCDXC repeater, but by the time you turned down the gain on your HF receiver, or got the cans off your ears, you missed part or all of the important details. If the information had been repeatrd, you would have gotten it. The important details of a DX announcement should always be given twice; e.g., QST DX announcement - - Albania - - ZA1ZA is on ONE FOUR ONE EIGHT FIVE - -ZULU ALPHA ONE ZULA ALPHA, is on ONE FOUR ONE EIGHT FIVE. By the time you have finished the preamble, you will have the attention of your listeners; they should get the details by the second time through. If they don't, you should not feel obligated to recognize requests for additional repetitions; you have done your duty and are free to get back to your own DXing.

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Contributors this month: KG6IP, W6ABW, N6CGB, W6EL, N6VI, CQ Magazine, QST, WPADXA, and Inside DX. Special thanks to Sheila, my XYL.

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FOR SALE: Yaesu FT-101ZD III with fan and 500Hz filter. Mic, service manual. All original like new. $475.00 . FV-101 DM VFO for above transceiver. $100.00 . Don Minkoff , NK6A, 213- 397-2984.

Your free classified ads could go here. Sell, swap, or trade. Send them to the editor. The deadline is the 30th of the month.

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Your editor still needs help with the assembly of the Bulletin. If you live on the Westside of Los Angeles and have a few hours a month to spend with the folding, labeling, stapling and stamping of your newsletter, please contact me for details.

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